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## The Chinese Trouble.

The Chinese minister at Washington, Wu Ting Fang, is doing his best to excuse his government for the actions which have taken place in China of late. He is not in a position to know just all that has happened since the troubles there began, but he feels sure his government is not to blame. He puts the situation like this: The Boxer movement was regarded by the government as of little consequence when it first began to attract attention. The government felt that it was powerful enough to put the Boxer element down should it happen to assume alarming proportions. In reality the movement was far greater than the government thought it was. It was so popular that many soldiers of the imperial army joined it. When it was too late the government saw the mistake—that the anti-foreign sentiment was general and strong—and that the rebellion was more powerful than the government.

According to Minister Wu's view the government is practically in the hands of the leaders of the Boxer movement. He is confident that the government will command the situation, and that law and order will soon be restored.

Possibly he is right in that view of it for the leaders of the Boxer movement are evidently alarmed. By the victory of Tien Tsin they see that the time is not far distant when they will have to face a large and thoroughly drilled army, and that punishment will be meted out and presumably to them. Therefore they want to make peace, and it is probable that Li Hung Chang is now depended upon to bring about peace between the powers and China.

Minister Wu seems to think that some consideration ought to be shown to the Chinese government because of the difficulty it has in maintaining order among so vast a population. Some parts of the empire are so thickly populated, he says, that it is practically impossible for the people to get enough to eat. That is why the country is full of roving bands of robbers. The people get hungry and they go about in bands robbing their more prosperous neighbors. Many of these desperate characters are supposed to be in the Boxer movement.

It is but perfectly natural that the Chinese minister should put forth as good a story as possible for his own government, all of which may or may not be true, but no matter, it is quite sure that China will have heavy damages to pay to say the least for the outrages that are said to have taken place.

ORANGE county practices generosity that commands admiration. It is her time to have the state senatorship, yet she gracefully yields to Osceola and endorses the renomination of Senator Carson. The senator's experience of one term stands him in well, while he is highly esteemed by his colleagues and friends all over the state.

THE Prohibitionists, it seems, are going into the campaign with as much earnestness as if they expected to carry a number of states. They have raised a campaign fund and will charter a special train to carry their candidate for president, Mr. Woolley, on a tour of the country. He will make rear platform speeches en route to the larger cities, where more pretentious demonstrations will be held.

## The Denial Is Made.

Our correspondent, Mr. P. A. McMillan, does not quote THE STAR correctly, nor state our position rightly. We have not said that because a man was a Democrat that he could repudiate his promises. The opponents of Capt. Dimick in Brevard county have been following false prophets in accepting the statements as gospel that have been hurled at Capt. Dimick by a few disgruntled politicians in Dade.

It will be seen in another column of this paper this week that Capt. Dimick, at the primary in West Palm Beach, "handled his would-be defamers without gloves." He said, "so far as he personally was concerned, he believed the people of this precinct (West Palm Beach) and throughout Dade county, knew him well enough to make it unnecessary for him to pay much attention to falsehoods that had been circulated." This is a denial right from Capt. Dimick, himself, of the charges made against him.

If anyone has taken the pains to carefully read the articles in the Tropical Sun they would see the disguised attempt to place Capt. Dimick in a false position, especially with the Brevard people. It was sought to make it appear that Capt. Dimick opposed the railroad commission act, when in fact, he opposed such action as would have made the commission law a farce and a travesty on our constitutional law. They sought to make him out a Republican by the so-called evidence of Mr. W. H. Gleason, and which is denied by two letters sent by Mr. Gleason's son to Capt. Dimick, which are published below. Gracious only knows what they have not said about Capt. Dimick.

Because he has not deemed it necessary to answer every campaign article published against him some of the people of Brevard are apparently anxious to pass snap judgment against him so as to try and defeat his nomination. But he will be nominated if his friends and supporters are loyal and stand by him, as we expect them to do, at the Fort Pierce convention.

## Gleason Denies Statement.

The following letters are self-explanatory to the people of Brevard and Dade who are in touch with the senatorial question, as they unqualifiedly deny the accusation made in the Tropical Sun by Mr. S. O. Fitts regarding Capt. Dimick being a Republican:

EAU GALIE, FLA., July 19, 1900.

Hon. E. N. Dimick, Palm Beach, Fla.:

Dear Sir—My attention has been called to an article appearing in the Tropical Sun, written by Mr. Fitts, quoting me as making some statements in regard to your politics previous to 1880. I did not make the statement he has mentioned, to him, and I have written him a letter asking him for some explanation of the matter. I enclose to you a copy of the letter I have written to him.

Yours very truly,  
W. H. H. GLEASON.

EAU GALIE, FLA., July 20, 1900.

Hon. E. N. Dimick, Palm Beach, Fla.:

Dear Sir—Since writing you my letter of the 19th, enclosed, I have just received a copy of the Lake Worth News, and notice the proceedings of the mass meeting and the remarks made by you at the close in relation to my father giving the information that you were an old-time Republican, etc. I do not blame you for being annoyed by the remarks which Fitts published in the Sun as to the statement made by my father and myself. My father says that he has no recollection of mentioning your name to Mr. Fitts in any way, form, or manner. If you wish a letter from him to that effect for publication he will write you one, or if you wish you can publish this.

Yours very truly,  
W. H. H. GLEASON.

Miss Kena Fries, of Orlando, one evening last week was struck by a very small rattlesnake near the front porch of the family residence. As she was reaching down to pick up a pet cat, which seemed in some trouble, she felt a slight sting on her right hand. On bringing a light a very small rattler about three inches long, evidently but very recently hatched, was discovered. No inconvenience followed, however, as the snake was too young to inflict any injury.

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## Orange Growers' Convention.

The orange growers' convention was held yesterday at Clearwater. It was for the purpose of forming an association in the county of Hillsboro and making a determined and organized fight on the pests which are now appearing in certain sections. These insects and ailments are doing some damage, and it is feared that if something is not done the results will be disastrous.

## A Narrow Escape.

Eugene Dearborn, of Coconut Grove, had a narrow escape from a broken leg last week. His little daughter Dora was driving his pony colt when the animal ran away, Dearborn was in the rear of the wagon holding on to a buggy which he was taking home. The sudden spring of the pony sent Dearborn head over heels out of the wagon, hurting his leg. The pony ran home dragging the wagon and child over a cross fence near the house, but luckily Dora escaped unhurt, and she is glad she held on to the lines to the end.

## Shooting Affair at Baldwin.

In a colored restaurant at Baldwin Monday Eller Mitchell was shoot twice by Amos Burke, one ball glancing just above the right eye, the other entering the right shoulder, apparently only a flesh wound. Burke tried to escape by running and shooting back at his pursuers. He was stopped, however, by a chance shot from a Winchester rifle in the hands of John Whitehead at a distance of about 250 yards. Whitehead said he only aimed to stop him, and aimed at his legs, and, sure enough, struck about six inches above the knee, giving Burke a very painful wound.

## An Exciting Bear Hunt.

While out hunting near Bayard on Saturday Messrs. F. F. Ponce, James Bradbury and Nathan Hood, had the good fortune to get on the trail of an immense bear. After a very exciting chase and fight with the dogs, the bear was finally brought to bay and shot. After being shot twice, the bear started on another run; and it required another long chase and three more loads of buckshot to finally kill him. The bear was a large and ferocious one, and the stock-owners are glad to know that there is one less such animal in the country.

## Mules Killed By Lightning.

On Saturday last Mr. A. Sharpe, of Westville, who runs a turpentine business four miles west of there on the railroad, had two fine mules killed by lightning, and the third one so badly injured that it will be of no service to him. The negro who was driving the mules was knocked down and badly shocked, but it is thought he will live. Mr. Sharpe himself has just recovered from injuries received in an explosion when his still burned down a short time ago. His boy, who came near being killed at the time, is slowly recovering.

## Found a Lost Boy.

Marshal Martinez, of West Tampa, found a lost boy Saturday, and for a considerable while he did not know what to do with the little rascal, who did not know, or did not want to tell, anything about himself. It was a small colored boy, who was picked up in the woods west of that place, almost naked and in a famished condition. He was given clothes and food, and then was willing to talk about everything except himself. At last several recognized and identified the boy, and then his mother was located, she being at present in Manatee county. She will be made to provide for the child in a proper manner.

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## Gambling In Tampa.

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